

Believe it or not -- I did not have any trouble with Charles. I made up my mind to stay a few days with them and see just whay we could never get along. As it was we got along swell. They are expecting their next child in July. He is counting on a Boy. Hope he gets on e to carry on the West name.

Dear Grandmama-

I trië to call you the nite I left Panama City but was unahble to reach you. I had enough money to get up here so I could go to work in Baltimore, Md., and can get a very good job if I can get a birth certificate. Will you take one of those books that Grandpapa complied about the West faimley and get Judge Russ to make me some kind of birth certificate. Also send me one of those books so I can substantiate what ever he might give you in the way of a birth certificate. I cannot go to work untill I get one.

We had two and a half feet of snow here a few days after I arrived. I got caught about six miles from home in the car and had to sit for thirty six hours untill the roads were opened. It was one of the worst snows that has hit this section in the last 50 or 60 ye₂rs. It is now just like summertime up here. Yesterday, Easter Sunday was just like summer, one of the nicest Easter I have seen in years.

I stopped by and spent a few days with Charles and Phil. Charles said to ask you if there was any charge on the certificate you got for him. If so let him know and he will send you the money. I told him I did not know whether they cost anything or not. I am feeling like a million dollars and hope you and Miss Mary are feeling likewise. I am send this Airmail and Special Delivery so you will get it as quickly as possible. Please look after this for me right away as I am down to my last few dollars and can't go to work untill I get the certificate. I can make some real good money up here in the shipyard in Baltimore. I am making this short so I can catch the mailman when he stops. If I can get this job I will be able to live and get square with the world at the same time. My address
Bay West
Route # 1
Fairfield, Pa.

Love

Bay

There are three or four of those books in a bookcase in the office.

IN REPLY

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Address

Commanding Officer

Naval Air Station

U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
Naval Operating Base,
Norfolk, Virginia

April 4, 1941

Mr. Charles A. West,
Saint Andrews Bay,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

I regret the necessity of informing you that your brother, George Francis West, seaman, first class, who last enlisted in the Navy at Washington, D. C., on August 1, 1940, and was attached to this station, has been absent over leave since 7:45 A.M., March 25, 1941, and is being declared a deserter from the Naval service from March 25, 1941.

Should you know the whereabouts of your brother, it is suggested that you urge him to surrender to the nearest naval activity as soon as practicable, because his punishment will be less severe if he voluntarily surrenders himself than if he is apprehended and delivered by the civil authorities.

Yours truly,

F. E. FITCH,
Lieut-Comdr., U.S. Navy (Ret),
Commanding.

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